



## Leonard J. Goree, Jr

May 1, 1925 - February 27, 2009

### Goree

Goree, Leonard James, Jr. ended his earthly journey on Friday, February 27, 2009 at the age of 83 years. He was born on May 1, 1925 in Montgomery, Alabama, to Leonard James Goree and Iris Estes Goree. Leonard was preceded in death by his parents, sisters: Leonora Bourne and Muriel Gilmore brothers, Elliott Goree and Bowen Goree. Loved God, Family and Country. Served proudly as a Cpl. in the U. S. Marine Corps in World War II as a member of the Fifth Amphibious Corps-Signal BN.

Fought in the battles of Saipan and Tinian and occupation duty in Sasebo, Japan after the war was over. He earned a BA in Accounting from the Univ. of Kentucky at Bowling Green. Worked as Controller and had his own accounting firm in Houston, Texas. He enjoyed time with fellow Marines and friends. He is survived by wife, Neva A. Goree, sons: Glenn H. Goree and wife Valerie, Dale J. Goree and wife Diane, Granddaughter Colleen Goree, Grandson, Kirk J. Goree and wife Minerva, one Great Granddaughter Xaia Goree; aunt, Callie Estes; also 5 nieces and 1 nephew, several great nieces and nephews, cousins, and a host of friends. The family wishes to thank the nurses and staff at Regent Care Medical Center and Dr. J. Gonzales and Haydee Adan, RN, MSN, NP-C for their great care and compassion.

Graveside services at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery Friday, March 6, 2009 at 10:00 AM with military honors. He was a lifetime member of the VFW.

In lieu of Flowers, Contributions can be made to the Texas VFW Foundation,  
P. O. Box 14468, Austin, Texas 78761 or the charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *My father said, "no boy ever had a better uncle".  
My condolences to all.*

David Billmeier - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Leonard J. Goree, Jr*

Dixie Goree Lanier - March 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Leonard J. Goree, Jr*

*That Man is a Success*

*Who has Lived well,  
Laughed often and Loved much;  
Who has gained the Respect  
Of intelligent women and men  
And the love of children;  
Who never lacks appreciation  
Of the earth's beauty  
Or fails to expr*

James & Linda Campbell - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Goree family. We cherish the memory of LJ as a good husband, father and Marine. Thanks for being a friend and for serving America.*

Clarecia & Tommy Duhon - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Neva,  
Best wishes to you and your family. It sounded that you and your husband had many many years of joy and love together. I was stuned and sorry to hear of your loss. But, I feel he is in a place of peace and trantriquillity.*

*Dave your bowling so*

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**David Palmer** - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Thanks Dad, for being there when times were good,  
No matter time of day or in what neighborhood.  
Thanks Dad, for being there when I hit my rocky road,  
For mending, for caring, helping me shoulder my heavy load.  
Thanks Dad, for your ever present smile,*

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**Dale & Diane Goree** - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless.  
Love, Blaine*

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**Blaine T. Duhon** - March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *God is resting his soul. Dale & Diane, we love you.*

*Phil & Eloise*

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**Phil & Eloise Allen** - March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

IG

“ I always looked forward to Uncle L.J.'s and your visits. We certainly had some fun times that I will always remember. He was a GOOD uncle as you are an aunt. I love you both. I will miss him. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all

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**Irene Goodson** - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Neva,  
No boy ever had a better Uncle. Will treasure my memories of Uncle L.J., my hero. Wish we were closer in distance to our beloved Aunt and our cousins Glenn and Dale and their families. Love you,  
Leonard Michael P.S. Mom named me Leonard after

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**Leonard Michael Goree Billmeier** - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We were deeply saddened when we learned about L.J.'s passing. Our hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow. As you grieve, know that we are remembering you and honoring L.J.'s memory.

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**Jerry & Elaine Mohn** - March 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Dear Neva,  
I am saddened to hear of your loss. I still remember how much you loved the babies at Northside. May God hold you close in HIS care as you grieve.  
Love, Tina Wharton

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**Tina Wharton** - March 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ May the Lord be with you, in this your greatest hour of need. We will all miss L.J.

*Dorothy Carlton*

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**Dorothy Carlton** - March 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

YW

“ He has attended his final Marine formation and his last meal at Lubys. Bless his soul. You were a good wife Neva. We are here if you need anything.

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**Yasuko & Chuck Whitesell** - March 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Neva and Family,  
I am thinking about you all during this difficult time. Uncle LJ was very special to all of us. As always, you are in my prayers.  
Love,  
Jackie

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**Jackie Trammell** - March 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Neva, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I miss seeing you!

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**Rita Rankin** - March 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Neva,

*We are thinking of you during this time and keeping you in our prayers. If we can help you in any way, let us know.*

*Love,  
Rod and Holly Goforth*

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**Holly Goforth** - March 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

IG

“ *What a wonderful man - a man bigger than life or death and memories of my sweet Uncle L.J. will last forever. I know that he is with all our other loved ones in heaven. Peace to Neva, Glenn and Dale, Valerie and Diane, Kirk and Colleen, and Minerva and*

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**Iris Gillespie** - March 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Neva.*

*In Him,  
Michelle, Kyle and Kaitlyn Kennedy*

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**Michelle Kennedy** - March 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ *May Leonard now rest in peace.*

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**Presley&Mae Orsburn** - February 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM